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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Title 35, United States Code, Section 119, priority is hereby claimed based upon the earlier filed foreign application GB0216373.1, filed on July 13, 2002, in United Kingdom.

A certified copy of the above-identified, earlier-filed foreign application is enclosed. RECEIVED TC 1700

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